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SECRETCUBAN ACTIVITIES IN PERURelations with the Peruvian Government (GOP)

Cuban activities in Peru appear to center around impressing GOP officials as well as the local populace of the merits of the Cuban regime. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in July 1972, almost all Peruvian cabinet ministers have made at least one official visit to Cuba.

Cuban Ambassador to Peru Antonio Nunez Jimenez has been very outgoing in his attempts to influence top government officials and, in general, to get to know the Peruvian people. On the high echelon level, he deals closely with a number of government ministers and

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At the end of 1974, the Cuban Mission in Peru consisted of some 70 persons. This number can be expected to increase somewhat during 1975 because of the constant influx of consultants and technicians who will be working with the GOP in connection with the Peruvian-Cuban Agreement for Economic and Scientific-Technical Cooperation signed in August 1974. This agreement covers about 40 specific projects in the fields of agriculture, fishing, industry and education.

Recent reporting indicates that Peru has become less

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enthusiastic about its relations with Cuba. A number of key government officials, [redacted]

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[redacted] are concerned that Cuban Embassy officials

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may be involved in fomenting labor and student unrest. There is no information to confirm direct Cuban involvement in such activities, but the leftist groups responsible are often Cuban-oriented in their outlooks. [redacted]

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[redacted] Ambassador Nunez because of his frequent travel, ostensibly connected with his geological expertise, throughout Peru. During his trips, Nunez takes every opportunity to talk with students, workers, university leaders and provincial government functionaries. [redacted]

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[redacted] Nunez is constantly making propaganda for Cuba and putting his country in the news, much to the dismay [redacted]

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[redacted] has referred to Nunez' activities as "intervention in Peruvian affairs," and has ordered that Nunez be told that such activities must stop. [redacted] has been critical of Cuban Embassy personnel for their overzealous courtship of senior government officials.

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Some recent examples of what can be interpreted as GOP disenchantment with Cuban activities in Peru are given below.

a. Three Cuban advisors working with the National System of Support for Social Mobilization (SINAMOS) on an agriculture project in the Concepcion Valley near Cuzco for

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the past year were told their services were no longer needed and have left the country.

b. A recent Cuban request to purchase a large house to be used as an educational complex has been refused.

c. The December 1974 decree limiting the travel of groups abroad was [redacted] instigated [redacted] when he learned of the visit of 91 Peruvian youths to Cuba for one month of voluntary work. The travel of such groups has consistently been of concern to the GOP. In March 1974 the Ministry of Interior carried out an investigation of the Tupac Amaru student brigade which was formed by Peruvian students while visiting Cuba. The government feared that such brigades could become future guerrilla centers and that Cuba was indoctrinating these youths toward the path of armed struggle.

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Cuban Relations with the Peruvian Military

Peruvian military delegations have visited Cuba on numerous occasions and, [redacted] the Cubans hope to convert^{25X1} the Peruvian Army from a traditional, orthodox corps into a new Cuban-style Army. Ricardo Gadea, a leader of the Peruvian Movement of the Revolutionary Left (MIR), said that Cuban Embassy officials told him that they have been successful in gaining the sympathy of a number of Peruvian generals and also have overcome the resistance to Cuba of a large number of Peruvian Army officers.

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Comments of some of the Peruvian military visitors to Cuba indicate that, although they are awed by the fine Soviet weaponry they see, few are impressed by Cuban Socialism.

Relations with the PCP/Soviet and Other Leftist Groups

Relations between the Cubans and the Pro-Soviet Communist Party of Peru (PCP/Soviet) appear somewhat strained at time and little is done in the way of joint activities. Differences between the two apparently stem from diverse views on how Communist objectives and policies should be carried out with regard to the GOP. For example, animosity has grown in recent months because of active Cuban support for the government-sponsored Confederation of Workers of the Peruvian Revolution (CTRP) rather than for the PCP/Soviet-dominated General Confederation of Peruvian Workers (CGTP).

In 1973 Ricardo Gadea, the MIR leader, said that he had not received Cuban aid since 1972 and that Cuban Embassy personnel in Lima had specific instructions from the Cuban Government to avoid all contact with members of the Peruvian ultra-left because Cuba did not want to jeopardize its good relations with the GOP.

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